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PREFACE.

A DESIRE having been expressed by many Members of the High Church Congregation and friends of the late Dr Arnot, to have some memento of their departed Pastor and friend, this work has been published to gratify that desire. Instead of a volume of sermons, it has been thought better to issue in the present form some of the prayers used by him at public worship in the High Church, together with the Communion and Baptismal Services. Those prayers and services were not written with any view to publication. It was, however, the earnest endeavour of Dr Arnot during the latter years of his ministry to make the devotional services in his Church as appropriate as possible, and accordingly he prepared with great care a series of prayers for use in the High Church, from which series those which are here printed are a selection.

They are now issued in the hope that they may prove an acceptable memorial of his ministry to the Members of his Congregation, and his many friends, by whom he was so highly respected and revered.

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First Sunday of the Month.

Forenoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against us, but as for our transgressions thou shalt purge them away. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for he is our God, and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Let us give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name, and come into his courts with an offering:—for the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

Almighty God! our Creator and Redeemer, who, in commemoration of the glorious work of creation, and in thy benevolent care for man, hast set apart one day in seven to be a holy Sabbath; and hast mercifully spared us to see another return of this sacred day, make us thankful, we beseech thee, for the precious season of rest, worship, and spiritual

instruction; and enable us, by thy grace, to hallow it for those purposes whereunto it has been appointed. We earnestly implore the presence of thy Holy Spirit, to prepare us for the right observance of its duties; that, resting from our works, as thou didst from thine, and rising above worldly vanities and cares, our thoughts may be directed to those things which belong to our peace and thy glory; and we may experience in the keeping of our Sabbaths on earth a foretaste of the heavenly rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Holy Father, in whose sight the heavens are not clean, and who art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity; but who hast promised pardon and mercy to all who truly repent of their sins, we confess that we have all sinned, and come short of thy glory. We have broken thy law, which is holy, just, and good. We have been unthankful for thy benefits. We have slighted the calls and offers of the Gospel. We have loved the creature more than the Creator, and have laboured for the meat that perisheth more than for the meat that endureth unto eternal life. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves, or done to them as we would they should do to us Our hearts condemn us, and thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. Wert thou to mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? If we justify ourselves, our own mouths should condemn us; if thou contend with us, we are not able to answer thee for one of a thousand.

O Lord, with whom there is forgiveness that thou mayest be feared, have mercy upon us. O God, who

desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, have mercy upon us, and incline us with all our hearts to turn unto thee. Shed abroad thy love, O God, into our heart by the Holy Spirit, so that we may be filled with peace and joy in believing. May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost; and make manifest the sincerity of our gratitude for all thy goodness by a constant and cheerful obedience to thy holy will.

We render thanks unto thee, O God, for the rank thou hast assigned to man in thine intelligent creation. Thou didst form us in thine own image, so that we might be capable of knowing, loving, and serving thee; and thou hast prolonged our lives, multiplied our privileges and comforts, and given us all things richly to enjoy. Above all, we thank thee that thou hast blest us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, the Son of thy love. We adore and praise thee for our Redeemer's holy and perfect example; for his atoning sufferings and death; and his glorious exaltation to the right hand of the majesty in the heavens. We bless thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who by his enlightening, purifying, and comforting influences, enables us to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits? We will bless the Lord at all times, yea, his praise shall be continually in our mouth. We will sing praises unto the Lord as long as we live.

Almighty and most merciful Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we give thee

thanks and praise for all the benefits thou hast bestowed upon us, thine unworthy servants; and we pray thee to continue unto us thy loving-kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our days. Supply all our need, and make all grace to be multiplied towards us, that we always having sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work. Teach us also to be careful for nothing; but in everything, with prayer and supplication, to make our requests known unto thee, that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our heart and mind, through Christ Jesus. Enable us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness, meekness, and long suffering; forbearing one another in love, and endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. And may our love abound yet more and more, in knowledge, and in all judgment, that we may approve things that are excellent, and that we may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the praise and glory of God.

Hear us, O Father, we beseech thee, and grant us an answer of peace, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

[*There is then read the Lesson of the day from the Old Testament, after which there is chanted one of the Psalms in the prose version, or the Te Deum. Then is read the Lesson of the day from the New Testament, after which follows*]

The Second Prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, thine unworthy children, offer thanks to thee for all the unmerited benefits we have received at thy most bountiful hands; and as we ask of thee what is needful for ourselves, so we would make intercession for others, that they also may be partakers of thy goodness and mercy.

O God, who art willing that all men should come to the knowledge of the truth, and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all; send forth, we pray thee, the light of thy Gospel, into all lands; and on them which sit in darkness and the shadow of death, cause thy light to shine. Have compassion on thy people Israel, still beloved for their fathers' sakes: take away the veil that is on their hearts, that they may no more stumble at the offence of the cross; but be converted unto him who hath broken down the partition between Jew and Gentile, and hath reconciled both unto thee. Let all superstition, and idolatry, and blindness of heart, be abolished; and may all men everywhere be blest in Jesus, and call him Blessed.

Be very favourable to our native land. Under thy protection and blessing may it continue to prosper in all its interests, civil and sacred; and as thou hast favoured it with the pure knowledge of thy Gospel, so may it be exalted by righteousness, and delivered from the reproach of sin.

O Thou, who art the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and by whom kings reign and princes decree

justice, so direct and govern thy servants, that they may ever advance the cause of true religion and virtue, among those over whom they have been appointed to bear sway.

We pray especially for Her Majesty the Queen: enrich her soul with all spiritual blessings: protect her person; uphold her government, surround her throne with wise and able counsellors; and grant that, after a long reign of honour and felicity on earth, she may, by thy grace, obtain an everlasting crown of glory.

Be very gracious to the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family; and enable them in all things to adorn the exalted station which thou hast assigned to them.

Pour down, we pray thee, a spirit of wisdom upon the Queen's ministers, upon the representatives of the people [in parliament assembled]. We pray for magistrates, and all in lawful authority; and especially for those who bear rule in this city, that they may be wisely directed in all their proceedings; and for the Judges of the land, that they may be endowed with discernment and uprightness.

Bless all universities and schools of learning. May they be preserved from the instruction that causeth to err, and replenished by the Father of lights with every good gift and every perfect gift that cometh down from above.

Almighty and most merciful God, bless abundantly, we beseech thee, thy Church universal. Save thy people, O Lord, and bless thy heritage, feed them also, and lift them up for ever. We pray for all who believe in Christ our Lord, that they all may be one:

and since there is one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, grant that all Christians may be of one heart and one way. Remove all errors; heal divisions; promote purity, peace, and brotherly love; so that thy work may be revived in the midst of the years, and we may offer unto thee an offering in righteousness, well pleasing in thy sight.

We pray for those who minister in sacred things. Let the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit assist thy servants, and so perfect his gifts in them, that they may faithfully discharge their ministry according to thy mind, and at the last may enter into thine eternal joy. May the Church of our fathers be honoured as the instrument of advancing the interests of pure and undefiled religion throughout the land. May peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces.

Bless, we pray thee, this parish and congregation, and may the minister and office-bearers see the work of the Lord prospering in their hands.

Most gracious God, be with all those on whom thou hast laid thine afflictive hand. May they neither despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when they are rebuked by him; but may they hear the rod, and him that hath appointed it; so that they may learn thy holy and wise commandments.

We pray especially for the sick and bereaved members of the congregation, and for those who may desire our sympathy and prayers. May it please thee to show them thy fatherly kindness, and to grant them all needful support and consolation.

We pray for those who are appointed to die. Give

them the victory over death, through him who is the resurrection and the life. Into thy hands may they commit their departing spirit, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, who also has redeemed them.

Deliver all those who are in trouble, or danger by sea or land; comfort the distressed; provide for the destitute; protect and befriend the helpless; dry up the tears of the bereaved and the sorrowful; be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow; may the young be trained to walk in wisdom's ways, which are pleasantness and peace; be the counsellor of mature age, and the support and comfort of declining years.

We pray for all our beloved friends, and for all who wish, or have done us good, that thou wouldest remember them with the favour which thou bearest to thine own. If we have enemies, do thou, Lord, forgive them; bring them to a more charitable frame of mind, and enable us from the heart to forgive them, even as thou, for Christ's sake, forgivest us. Hear us, O merciful Father, in these our intercessions, and let thy loving-kindness be upon us, even as we put our trust in thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[*There is then sung a Hymn, Paraphrase, or portion of one of the metrical Psalms; after which follows*]

The Third Prayer.

Most gracious God, by whose inspiration all Holy Scripture has been written, grant that, through the

teaching of thy Spirit, the word may be profitable unto us for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; so as to make us wise unto salvation, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Dispose us to receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls; and may it abide in our hearts, and bring forth in our lives the peaceable fruits of righteousness, so that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—in whose name, and with whose words we sum up our prayers:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which a Hymn is sung; then*]

The Prayer after Sermon.

Almighty God, who alone canst make the ordinances of grace effectual for the purposes whereunto thou hast appointed them, open a door, we beseech thee, for the entrance of thy saving truth; and grant that what has now been spoken in weakness, may, if in harmony with thy mind, be received into the hearts of the hearers; and be as seed sown into good ground, bringing forth the fruits of holiness unto eternal life. May the Spirit take of the things of Christ and show them

to us by his own enlightening and convincing power; and may we remember that it is not the hearer of the word but the doer of the word who is blest in his deed.

Pardon wherein we have come short of our duty, whether in speaking or hearing. In all things we offend and come short of thy glory. May our imperfections be forgiven through our great High Priest, who beareth away the sins of our holy things; and may our persons and services be accepted in the Beloved; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all praise, dominion, and blessing—now, and for evermore. Amen.

[*After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, and the anthem sung; there is then pronounced*]

The Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

First Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or of a Paraphrase or Hymn, after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Almighty and most blessed God! enable us at this time to draw near unto thee, with reverence and godly fear. O God, thou art our God, early will we seek thee. May we long to see thy power and thy glory, so as we have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, our lips shall praise thee.

We worship thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. All things are naked and open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Thou, O God, hast searched us and known us; thou knowest our downsitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Thou compassest our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways. There is not a word in our tongue, but, lo! O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. We cannot go from thy presence, or fly from thy Spirit. If we ascend into heaven, thou art there; if we make our

bed in hell, behold, thou art there; if we take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy right hand shall hold us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high, we cannot attain unto it.

O Lord, may we in all our approaches to a throne of grace, remember that thy pure and all-seeing eye is upon us. May we be deeply humbled under a sense of personal guilt, and feel our unworthiness to lift up our eyes to the place where thou dwellest in glory. By nature we are the children of disobedience and wrath, even as others. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; and to our original corruption we have added many actual transgressions. We have known our Lord's will, but have not done it. We have named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity. Against thee, O Father, and thee only, have we sinned, and done evil in thy sight. Against thine infinite compassion, O blessed Saviour, have we sinned, and ungratefully requited thy dying love. Against thee, O Holy Spirit, have we sinned, by whom we are sealed unto the day of redemption. O grant us, we beseech thee, the grace of repentance; that brokenness of heart, and godly contrition for sin, that needs not to be repented of. Enable us in faith to look to him whom our sins have pierced, and to mourn, as one mourneth for an only son, and be in bitterness, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

We bless thee, gracious God, that a way has been opened through the blood of the everlasting covenant, by which the guilty can come to thee, to ask mercy to

pardon, and grace to help in time of need; and that though far from thee by nature, we are brought nigh, and reconciled, and adopted into thy family. May we all find that new and living way. Bring us all to the fountain opened for sin, and uncleanness. Wash thou us, and we shall be whiter than the snow. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. May we win Christ, and be found in him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ; that we may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death. May we know the blessedness of the man whose transgression is forgiven, and unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. May we be crucified with Christ, so that the life we now live in the flesh may be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us, and gave himself for us.

Conscious of our many imperfections and great weakness, and of our insufficiency for any good thing, we bless thee for the assurance that whatsoever we ask the Father in Christ's name, he will give it unto us. Grant, then, gracious God, we beseech thee, the aids of the Holy Spirit, and his abiding presence, to render the means of grace effectual for our complete sanctification in body, soul, and spirit. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of thy goodness, and stablish us in every good work, that we may stand perfect and complete in all thy will. May we put off the old man which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and being renewed in the spirit of our minds, put on the

new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. May we be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might; putting on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the wicked one; and to cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God; and to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. May the law of the spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus, make us free from the law of sin and death. Let no iniquity have dominion over us, because we are not under the law, but under grace. O God of peace, sanctify us wholly. Grant that we may be established in holiness before thee, and preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints. May the Lord direct our hearts into the love of God, and the patient waiting for Christ. Cause us to know him whom we have believed, so as to be persuaded that he is able to keep unto the great day that which we have committed unto him; so that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Hold up our goings at all times in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Deliver our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. And when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou with us, that we may fear no evil; let thy rod and thy staff comfort us; let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life; and may we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Hear us, O God, in heaven thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest forgive; and do for thine unworthy servants, more than they can ask or think, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

[*There is then read the Lesson of the day from the Old Testament. After which there is chanted one of the Psalms in the prose version or any of the other prose translations in the General Assembly Psalm and Hymn Book. There is then read the Lesson of the day from the New Testament. After which follows*]

The Second Prayer.

Almighty God! Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, bestow upon us, we beseech thee, the spirit of adoption, while we pour out before thee the desires of our hearts; that, coming unto thee with all holy confidence, as children to a father able and willing to help us, we may be accepted in the name of thy beloved Son, and through him receive the petitions we ask of thee.

Holy Father, as we have all sinned against thee and come short of thy glory, may we be impressed more deeply with a sense of our sinfulness, and may we be led to accept that remedy which thou hast provided; that we, being cleansed from iniquity, may serve thee as a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Dispose us heartily to trust in thy fatherly care, meekly to receive the instruction of divine wisdom, and earnestly to endeavour that not only in our outward conduct, but in our thoughts and affections we may be entirely devoted to thy service.

We ask these blessings not for ourselves only, but also for all our brethren of mankind. O God, make known the way of salvation to all who are in ignorance or error; and hasten the time when the lost sheep of the house of Israel, together with the fulness of the Gentiles, shall be brought into the fold of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Bless the whole Church of Christ throughout the world. Remove from it all errors, heresies, and divisions; and since there is one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, grant that all who are called by the name of Christ, may be of one heart and one way. May that blessed day of promise soon arrive when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the sea.

We pray more especially for the Church of our fathers, that thou wouldst establish and purify it more and more, and make it a successful instrument in thy hands for advancing everywhere the cause of truth and godliness.

O thou, who art the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and by whom kings reign and princes decree justice, so direct and govern thy servants, that, ruling in thy fear, they may ever promote the interests of true religion and virtue among those over whom they have been appointed to bear sway.

Be very favourable, we pray thee, to our native land. Under thy protection and blessing may it continue to prosper in all things, civil and sacred; and as thou hast blest it with the pure knowledge of thy

Gospel, so may it be exalted by righteousness, and preserved from the reproach of sin.

We pray for Her Majesty the Queen. Enrich her soul with all heavenly blessings; protect her person; uphold her government; surround her throne with wise and able counsellors; and grant that, after a long reign of honour and felicity on earth, she may by thy grace obtain an everlasting crown of glory.

Be very gracious to the Prince of Wales, to the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family; and enable them in all things to adorn the exalted station which thou hast assigned them.

Pour down, we pray thee, the spirit of wisdom upon the Queen's ministers, and upon the representatives of the people.

We pray for magistrates, and all in lawful authority; and especially for those who bear rule in this city; that they may be wisely directed in all their proceedings; and for the judges of the land, that they may be endowed with a spirit of discernment and uprightness.

Bless all universities and schools of learning. May they be preserved from the instruction that causeth to err; and may teachers and taught be replenished by the Father of lights with every good gift, and every perfect gift that cometh down from above.

Father of mercies, we implore thy tender compassion on behalf of all who are suffering from affliction or distress. Relieve the destitute; heal the sick; protect the friendless; deliver all those who are in danger by land or sea; comfort the bereaved; and console the sorrowful. Give unto thine afflicted people abundant consolation, and good hope through

grace. Cause thy fatherly chastening, though for the present grievous, to yield in them afterwards the peaceable fruits of righteousness. We would remember before thee the sick and afflicted members of this congregation who may desire our sympathy and prayers. May it please thee, O God of all grace and consolation, to show them thy fatherly kindness, and to grant them needful support and comfort, with meek resignation to thy holy will, and humble acquiescence in all thy dealings with them. We pray for those who are appointed to death. May they be cheered by the blessed hopes of the Gospel, and may their last end be peace.

We pray, O God, for our kindred, our friends, and our benefactors, that they may prosper in all things, and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper. We pray also that thou wouldst grant thy forgiveness to such as have in any way injured or offended us; and that thou wouldst enable us from the heart to forgive them, even as thou, for Christ's sake, forgivest us.

Hear us, O gracious God, in these our intercessions, for the sake of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and let thy loving-kindness be upon us, even as we put our trust in thee. Amen and Amen.

[*There is then sung a Hymn, Paraphrase, or portion of one of the metrical Psalms, after which follows*]

The Third Prayer.

O Lord, who hast been pleased to instruct us by thy heavenly doctrine, enable us with meekness and

humility to learn of thee. Open our hearts to receive in a teachable spirit the declaration of thy will in the Scriptures. Confiding in thee as our Father, may we greatly delight in those testimonies which thou hast given of thy paternal love. Let thy word be more precious to us than gold, and sweeter than honey. Incline us earnestly to covet it, and to feed upon it, until we obtain that fuller satisfaction which thou art reserving for us, in the presence of thy glory; where we shall see thee face to face, and being transformed into thine image, will enjoy that complete blessedness into which Christ our Lord has entered.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which a Hymn is sung, and then*]

The Prayer after the Sermon.

Almighty God, we again approach thy throne of grace, beseeching thee to bestow thine enriching blessing with the preaching of the Word at this time. As the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned, be pleased to make thine own ordinance an effectual

means through the power of the Spirit of convincing and converting sinners, and of building up thy saints in holiness unto eternal life. Enable us all to profit by every opening of the mouth. May grace and peace be multiplied to us through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord, so that we may daily add to our faith every Christian grace and virtue, and an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pardon our sins, O God, for the sake of thy beloved Son; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, both now and evermore. Amen.

[*After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, and the anthem sung; there is then pronounced*]

The Benediction.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, our Lord. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Second Sunday of the Month.

Forenoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Almighty God! we bow before thee, the high and the holy One, whose dwelling is in light inaccessible, and who inhabitest the praises of Israel. Have mercy upon us and bless us, as we now present unto thee our united service of praise and prayer: for we come not in our own name, but in the name of Jesus Christ, thy well-beloved Son, the only mediator between God and man. Purify our minds from all sinful thoughts and vain imaginations; and may we be more ready to hear than to offer the sacrifice of fools. May our worship be offered in faith, humility, and love, and may our sacrifice be the spiritual sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, with which thou art well pleased. Keep us mindful that thou wilt be sanctified in all them that come nigh unto thee, and that before all the people thou wilt be glorified. Give us grace, we pray thee, whereby we may serve thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

O thou who art the hearer of prayer, and who art ready to send answers of peace to those who call upon thee in truth, unto thee we desire to lift up our souls. We would draw near to thee with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed as with pure water. We rejoice that Christ by one offering hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, and that we now have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the rent vail of his flesh. And thus we would approach thee as the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as his God and our God, as his Father and our Father.

We bless and praise thee, O God, for all the goodness and tender mercy which we, thy children, have received from thy most gracious hands. By thy watchful care we were preserved in infancy and childhood. By thee we have been upheld in our riper years, and have ever been the objects of thine unmerited beneficence. We thank thee, O God, for the bounties of thy providence, for health and strength, food and raiment, for manifold temporal blessings, domestic comforts and social benefits; for seasonable succour and deliverance in our times of need; for abounding consolation in our hours of sorrow, and for all the care and kindness thou hast been pleased to show unto us, from our earliest days even to this hour. Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy. Blessed be the Lord who daily loads us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation.

Thanks, eternal thanks, unto thee, O Father, for thy best, thine unspeakable gift! We adore thee that when the fulness of time was come, thou didst send forth thy Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. We would esteem it a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, even the chief. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us. Being redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, may we feel that we are not our own, and should live no longer unto ourselves, but to him, who for us died and rose again. We bless thee that he has left us an example that we might follow his steps. May the same mind be in us that was in Christ; and like him may it be our meat to do the will of our Father in heaven. Enable us to serve and glorify thee with our bodies and our souls, which are thine. May our old man be crucified with Christ, that the body of sin may be destroyed, that henceforth being made free from sin, we may become the servants of righteousness. Dispose us as children of light and of the day, to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to walk before thee in purity and sincerity, in truth and uprightness. May we never be tempted above what we are able; but with the temptation make a way of escape. May we put on the whole armour of God,

that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, and having done all, to withstand in the evil day. May our loins be girt about with truth, may we put on the breastplate of righteousness, and have our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. And may we have the shield of faith, wherewith we shall quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

And grant, almighty and gracious God, that knowing our own liability to transgress, we may ever stand in awe of thy holy displeasure at sin. Put thy fear in our hearts, and direct them into the love of God. Let thy Spirit bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. May we thus enjoy a well-grounded peace, and a holy serenity of mind arising from a sense of our adoption, and a good work of grace begun in us. Let the work of righteousness in our souls be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

O Lord our God, who alone hast power to stablish us according to thy Gospel, strengthen our hearts, that we fall not from our steadfastness. Deliver us from all error, ignorance, and unbelief. Hold thou us up, and so we shall be safe. Suffer us no more to wander from thy ways, or to grow weary in keeping thy commandments. Keep us steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; and enable us to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life.

And when our course on earth is finished, grant, O

most merciful God, that we may be supported and comforted with thy presence in the valley of the shadow of death, and may come at last to the glory of thy heavenly kingdom; there to receive the end of our faith, even the everlasting salvation of our souls, in seeing, serving, and enjoying thee for ever.

And now unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, dominion, blessing, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

O God, who hast put a spirit in man, and who by thine inspiration givest him understanding, do thou grant unto us the teaching of thy Holy Spirit, that we may so profit by the preaching of thy Word, as to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, whom to know is life eternal. Give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ, that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The command-

ments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes; by them are thy servants warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which a Hymn is sung; then*]

The Prayer after Sermon.

Command a blessing, we pray thee, O Lord, upon the word which we have at this time heard, and upon the means of grace which have been used for our spiritual benefit. It is not of him that planteth, nor of him that watereth, but of thee, O God, who givest the increase. Be pleased to accompany the preaching of thy Word with the power of thy grace and Holy Spirit, that it may be the savour of life to our souls, and the power of God to our salvation. May we hide thy Word in our heart, that we may not sin against thee. Enlighten our conscience so that we may walk more humbly and closely with thee our God, and be so obedient to thy holy precepts, that finally we may enjoy the great and precious promises of thy Gospel. In mercy pardon all that thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss at this time, in our thoughts or desires, our words or actions, for the sake of our great Media-

tor and Redeemer, to whom, as the blessed author of our hopes, and to thee who didst deliver him up for us, and to the Holy Spirit who has revealed him to us, be all praise and honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

[*After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, and the anthem sung; there is then pronounced*]

The Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Second Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon Service.

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The First Prayer.

Almighty God, most holy, most glorious, and blessed for evermore! we come into thy sacred presence with praise and supplication; and we beseech thee, for the sake of thy beloved Son, that our prayer may be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hearts may be acceptable in thy sight, as the evening sacrifice of old.

We come unto thee, O Lord, believing that thou art, and that thou art the rewarder of all those that diligently seek thee. We worship thee, the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth, who at the first didst speak and it was done, who didst command and it stood fast. By thy mighty power all things are upheld, and by thee all things consist.

We believe in thee as a God, not only wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working, but as a God of infinite goodness, whose tender mercies are over all thy works. To us, the sinful children of men, thou hast

been a compassionate and bountiful Father, supplying our many temporal wants, protecting us by the watchful care of thy providence, and teaching us to put our trust in thine unfailing faithfulness and love. We adore and bless thee that thine ear is ever open to the voice of our petitions; to the confession of our sins; and to the acknowledgment of our many undeserved mercies. The Lord heareth the secret sighing of the contrite heart, and regardeth the lowly condition of those who have none to help them in their misery. Thou art ever willing to draw nigh to them who draw nigh to thee, and to manifest thyself to them in another manner than thou doest unto the world. Thou fillest them that hunger after righteousness with good things, and thy mercy is on them that fear thee from generation to generation.

O thou who art a God of holiness and purity, we desire to confess our many sins, and to bewail our great unworthiness in thy sight. Thou didst make man upright, but they have sought out many inventions. Being in honour we abode not. By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned. The imagination of our thoughts is only evil, and that continually. There is a law in our members warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin. We have minded the things of the flesh more than the things of the spirit, and been lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Thy goodness has not begotten gratitude. Thy long-sparing mercy has not led us to repentance. The earnest and repeated calls of the Gospel have not prevailed with us

to think on the things which belong to our peace. The warnings and threatenings of thy Word have not inspired us with a salutary awe of thy righteous displeasure at sin. We have been nourished and brought up as children, but we have rebelled against thee. We have been ungrateful alike for the bounties of thy providence, and the riches of thy grace. Woe is unto us, for we have all transgressed and come short of thy glory.

O Lord, who art slow to anger, and hast no pleasure in the death of any of the creatures thou hast made, have compassion upon us, we beseech thee, and deal with us not according to our sins, but for thy great name's sake, remember us in mercy. O rebuke us not in anger, neither chasten us in hot displeasure. Let not iniquity, unrepented and unforgiven, be our everlasting ruin. Take away all our iniquity, receive us graciously, heal our backslidings, and love us freely. Melt our hard and stony hearts into penitential sorrow for our transgressions. May the Holy Spirit convince us of the pollution and degradation, as well as of the guilt and desert of sin. Seeing thy favour is life, and thy loving-kindness better than life, teach us that sin is an evil and a bitter thing, because it separates our souls from thee, and hides from us the light of thy blessed countenance. Enable us, we beseech thee, habitually to realise thy presence, and to bear in mind that all sin is hateful in the sight of him with whom we have to do; and that thou searchest the hearts, and triest the reins of the children of men, and art not a God that hast pleasure in wickedness, neither shall evil dwell with thee.

O Lord, merciful and gracious, grant that we may be led to know thee, not only as a just and righteous ruler, but to trust in thee, and to love thee, as our God and Father in Christ Jesus. May we live in close communion with thee, as dear children; and may we be fearful lest we offend thee, and desirous to obtain thy approbation, as our great encouragement and chief reward in well-doing. Cast us not away, we entreat thee, from thy presence, nor take thy Holy Spirit from us. Do thou, who pitiest us even as a father pities his children, look upon our weak and helpless state: what is dark do thou enlighten; what is lacking do thou supply; what is feeble do thou strengthen; what is imperfect do thou carry on unto the day of Christ Jesus.

And do thou, almighty God, enable us by thy grace to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, seeing it is God who worketh in us both to will and to do of his own good pleasure. May we ever be found diligent in the use of the appointed means of grace, and evermore repairing to the fountain of living waters, whence alone we can derive spiritual life, purity, peace, and everlasting consolation. May the weary and heavy laden with the burden of sin come to thee, and find rest to their souls. May power be given to the faint, and increased strength to them that have no might. May they who wait upon the Lord renew their strength; may they mount up with wings as eagles; may they run, and not be weary, and walk and not faint. In thee, the all-sufficient Jehovah, there is a fulness, out of which all may receive, and grace to help in every time of need.

O God of our salvation, who hast permitted us to assemble ourselves together at this time, be pleased to bless for our sanctification all the ordinances of grace, which it is our privilege to observe on this thy holy day. May our fellowship truly be with thee, and with Christ Jesus, thy Son. And to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

Most gracious God, who hast given us thy holy Word to be a light to our feet, and a lamp to our path; and who hast taught us that whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope; grant, we beseech thee, that we may give earnest heed to the things which we hear, lest at any time we let them slip. That which we see not teach thou us; enlighten our minds in that which we do not understand; and enable us so to prove all things, that we may hold fast that which is good. Teach us good knowledge and judgment; give us understanding, that we may learn thy commandments.

Thy testimonies we have chosen as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of our hearts.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which a Hymn is sung, then the Prayer after the Sermon as at page* 9 *or page* 19. *After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, and the anthem sung; there is then pronounced*]

The Benediction.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Third Sunday of the Month.

Forenoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

O thou that dwellest in the heavens, we would draw near to thy throne of grace through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. May we approach thee with reverence and humility, for thou art greatly to be feared in the temple of thy holiness. Who among the gods can be likened unto thee, O Lord, who art the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth, visible and invisible. Thou didst stretch out the heavens as a curtain, and in them thou hast set a tabernacle for the sun. Thou coverest the heavens with clouds, and preparest rain for the earth, and makest grass to grow upon the mountains: thou givest to the beast his food, and suppliest the wants of every living thing.

We bless thee that thou art also near to all that call upon thee: to the poor and needy thou lendest an attentive ear. Thou healest the broken in heart, and bindest up their wounds. The Lord lifteth up the

meek, but casts the wicked down to the ground. Thou takest pleasure in them that fear thee, and in them that hope in thy mercy. And, therefore would we, humble children of the dust, who have experienced thy loving-kindness in the days that are past, hope in thee continually. For thou art our hope, O Lord God, thou art our trust from our youth. We will go in the strength of the Lord, we will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

When we think, Almighty God, of thy glorious perfections, as displayed in the works of creation and providence, we are constrained in deep humility to say, What is man that thou takest knowledge of him? Man is like to vanity; his days are a shadow that passeth away; he returneth to his earth, in that day his thoughts perish. We confess it is because we have fallen from righteousness that all our sorrows have come upon us, and death has dominion over us. Thou who searchest the heart knowest all our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from thee. Thou knowest all the vain thoughts, the sinful desires, the worldly imaginations, that have been permitted to lodge within us. Thou knowest how unwilling we are to retain thee in our knowledge. Alas! O Lord, how much sin have the best of us to confess and deplore in thy presence. Who can say that he has made his hands clean, or his heart pure? None of us has lived as the children of so many privileges and mercies ought to live. We have not remembered thee as a God of grace, nor duly acknowledged our obligations to redeeming love. We have not thought on the state in which we were ere thou didst bend upon us an eye of pity, and how deeply we are

indebted to sovereign mercy for our present condition of peace and safety. O that we were all truly convinced of sin, so that we might rely upon the sin-offering, and find rest and joy in believing! O that sinners who have felt how evil a thing it is to offend a holy and a loving God might walk more humbly and circumspectly, trusting in faith on the promised grace of the Spirit of holiness.

We give thee thanks, O Lord, that thou hast had pity upon us in our fallen and miserable condition, and hast looked with an eye of compassion upon the guilty and estranged race of mankind. Though we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God, we bless thee that we are justified freely by thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom thou hast set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. And we bless thee for all the means of grace whereby we are quickened, renewed, and sanctified—redeemed from the power of sin, and enabled to grow in grace and holiness.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, that when the Lord Jesus had made an end of sin by the sacrifice of the cross, he ascended on high; and, as the reward of his obedience unto death, received gifts for men; and gave not only prophets, apostles, and evangelists, but pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

We bless thee, gracious God, that amid all the trials

and troubles of this mortal state we are cheered by the hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie hath promised, and that all believers, through union with Christ, the living Head, have eternal life abiding in them, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. We will bless the Lord at all times, yea, his praise shall be continually in our mouths; we will sing unto the Lord as long as we live; and when we are about to depart, may we rejoice in the glorious prospect of joining those blessed ones who dwell in thy house on high, and are still praising thee.

Thou, O God, art the omniscient God, and knowest all the petitions that we, thine unworthy and humble servants, should severally ask of thee. Known unto thee better than to ourselves are all our wants, sins, and imperfections. Deny us not thy blessing, though we do not ask of thee what would be good for us; withhold what would be injurious, though we ask it in our ignorance. Look on us as a father looks on his helpless offspring; and may the supplies of thy grace from day to day be adapted to our infirmities and needs more than to our own desires. When thy will is clearly made known to us, teach us, O Lord, to comply, and even to pluck out a right eye, or cut off a right hand, however painful it may be, when duty demands the sacrifice. When thou appointest affliction and bereavement as our portion, may we be enabled meekly to submit, and in faith and resignation to say, Thy will, O Father, not ours, be done. When heart and flesh begin to faint and fail, reminding us of our latter end, when we must bid farewell to all earthly things, may we be found becoming more and more dead to

a present world, and growing in meetness for the eternal world into which we must soon appear. May all the past tokens of thy favour, of which we confess our unworthiness, encourage us to hope that thou wilt be gracious unto us still; and that thou wilt be our God even unto death, and our portion for evermore.

And now to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

Most gracious God, in whom dwelleth the fulness of light, illuminate our minds, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of thy Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence and humility. Teach us, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and we shall keep it unto the end. Give us understanding and we shall keep thy law, yea, we shall observe it with our whole heart. Thy testimonies are wonderful, therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple. Let our steps be ordered in thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy

name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Third Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon Service.

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The First Prayer.

We come into thy presence, Almighty God, before whose throne of glory thy servants worship thee night and day, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. We esteem it a high honour that we are permitted to join with the blessed spirits on high in celebrating thy perfections and showing forth thy praise. O Lord, what is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou condescendest to visit him? What are we, who are but dust and ashes, that we should be allowed to speak unto the Lord? For thou, Lord, art very great. Thy name is Jehovah. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

We bless thee, gracious God, that thou hast never left thyself without witness; for the invisible things of God, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen

and understood by the things that are made, even thine eternal power and Godhead. Thou didst good, and gavest us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork; day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. Worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

We bless thee, O God, especially for that revelation of thy will and character which thou hast given unto us by Christ Jesus. He who was in the bosom of the Father, who was with God, and who was God, hath declared the mind of the Father to those who were in darkness and the shadow of death. And we bless thee that his was a declaration of mercy, and not of judgment. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. When we were under the condemnation of a righteous law; when our heart was enmity against God, and against his holy commandments, then was manifested the love of God toward us, because that he sent his only-begotten Son into the world to be the propitiation for our sins. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!

We adore and bless thee, O God, because thou art in Christ reconciling sinners to thyself, not imputing to them their trespasses; and art now inviting all the ends of the earth to look unto thee that they may be saved. Instead of being utterly consumed by thy terrors, we are encouraged to come to thee by the invita-

tions and promises of the Gospel; for thou hast said that whosoever cometh unto thee, thou wilt in no wise cast out. And though our conscience may condemn us, and thou art greater than our conscience and knowest all things, we are cheered by the promise, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." We bless thee for thy gracious declaration. Though thou wast angry with us, now thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest us. Behold, God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is our strength and our song; he also is become our salvation.

Open all hearts, we beseech thee, O Father, for the reception of thy love. Let not the world with its cares, its pleasures, or its riches, shut out from our souls the love of Christ, our blessed Redeemer. May those who are dead in trespasses and sins be quickened by the power of the Holy Spirit. May the enemies of God be reconciled by the blood of the cross. Give unto all repentance to the acknowledgment of the truth, that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified. O that all might have redemption through the death of Christ, according to the riches of thy grace, wherein thou hast abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; so that, being in Christ Jesus, there may be no condemnation to us.

O Lord, we entreat thy favour with our whole hearts; be merciful unto us according to thy word. Make us willing to forsake all, and to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross, so that we may follow Christ as our Lord and Master. Let the Word of God prevail mightily to the pulling down of strongholds, and of every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and let every thought be brought into obedience to Christ. Lord, teach transgressors thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto thee; let the disobedient be turned to the wisdom of the just; and may a people be made ready, prepared for the Lord.

Gracious God, may those who have heard and complied with the call of the Gospel, and who have been accepted in the Beloved, give God the glory. For not by works of righteousness which they had done, but according to his mercy he saved them, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. May they serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. May God, who has begun a good work in them, perform it unto the day of Christ. Perfect that which concerns them. Thy mercy endures for ever; forsake not the work of thine own hands. May all thy believing people be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that they may walk worthy of God unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. May they grow and abound in love, purity, benevolence, humility, and in all the graces of Christ, until a life of holiness begun on earth shall be exchanged for the endless life of perfect holiness and blessedness in

heaven. May we all live the life of the righteous, that our last end may be like his, and our final inheritance that of the sons of God. Keep us all, O Lord, by thine almighty power through faith unto salvation.

And now unto God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

Almighty God, who hast caused the light of thy Word clearly to shine among us, and hast instructed us in the way of salvation, may it please thee inwardly to shine into our hearts, and to fill us with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Cause thy Gospel to come to us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance: and may we receive it, not as the word of man, but as it is in truth the Word of the living God, which effectually worketh in them that believe. For ever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in heaven: thy faithfulness is unto all generations. Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth: they continue this day, according to thine ordinances, for all are thy servants.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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The Benediction.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Forenoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, we, thy sinful and dependent creatures, assembled together, according to thy command, in this house of prayer, would draw near to the throne of grace through the merits and intercession of thy beloved Son. We would come before thee with the voice of thanksgiving and praise. This is the day the Lord hath made, we will be glad and rejoice in it. May the Holy Spirit inspire and assist us so to worship thee, and so to meditate on the things that belong to our peace, that we may become holier and happier by waiting upon the Lord in the observance of divinely appointed means of grace. May we all be joyful in thy house of prayer. May we be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and do thou make us to drink of the river of thy pleasures; for with thee is the fountain of life, and in thy light shall we see light. May the joy of the Lord be the strength of all his people. May we

have good reason to say that a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, for the Lord is a sun and shield, he will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

We desire to remember with holy joy that on this day Christ the Lord arose from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep; that he who was crucified in weakness was raised in power: for thou didst not leave his soul in hell, neither didst thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. We thank thee that as he was delivered for our offences, so he rose again for our justification, and was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. Conquering all his and our enemies, the Redeemer ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and receiving gifts for men,—yea, for the rebellious, that God the Lord might dwell among them. And we bless thee, that though now at the right hand of the heavenly majesty, highly exalted, with a name given to him which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee might bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, yet he has not forgotten his faithful people on earth, for he ever liveth to make intercession for them. We rejoice in his own assurance, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of death and the grave." "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be

also. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me."

We confess and deplore our unworthiness, O God, to come into thy presence, by reason of our manifold and aggravated offences. We have sinned against our reason, and our conscience, and the light of thy Word, and are altogether undeserving of thy mercy. We have set our affection on the perishing enjoyments of this world, and not on things above. We have not lived as seeing Him who is now invisible, nor felt the power of his resurrection in rising to newness of life. We have not loved thee, our Father, supremely; we have not cordially trusted in the righteousness and grace of thy Son, our Saviour; and we have grieved the Holy Spirit by our carelessness and impenitence. We have been unthankful for thy mercies, distrustful of thy promises, heedless of thy commands, deaf to thine entreaties and admonitions. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with thee, our God. By our perverse dispositions and worldly lives we have provoked thee to cast us off from thy favour for ever.

Father of mercies, have compassion upon us, and for the sake of Christ Jesus, thy beloved Son, pardon all our sins. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our iniquities. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Blot out as a cloud our transgressions, and as a thick cloud our sins. Take away all our iniquity, and receive us graciously, heal

our backslidings, and love us freely, and let thine anger be turned away from us for ever.

Blessed, O Lord, be thy holy name, that we are encouraged to plead with thee; for thou hast given unto us the assurance that thou art ready to forgive, and rich in mercy to all them that call upon thee. Thou art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Thou wilt not always chide, neither wilt thou keep thine anger for ever. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is thy mercy toward them that fear thee. As far as the east is from the west, so far hast thou removed our transgressions from us. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear thee, and thy righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep thy covenant, and to those that remember thy commandments to do them. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgressions of the remnant of thy heritage; thou retainest not thine anger for ever, because thou delightest in mercy.

Heavenly Father, do thou enable us, the children of so many mercies, to live worthy of the vocation with which we are called, in all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering. May we have grace given us to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross daily, and to follow Christ, our example, in duty or in trials. Being begotten again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may that hope be to us an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, entering into that within the

vail, whither the forerunner for us is entered. May Christ be in us the hope of glory; and may we never be moved away from the hope of the Gospel, but be enabled to give diligence unto the full assurance of hope to the end. May we be strengthened with all might, according to thy glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering, with joyfulness. May the Holy Spirit, the Teacher and Comforter, dwell in us, and direct us into the paths of holiness and peace, and prepare and fit us for entering at last into the joy of our Lord.

Hear us in these our humble supplications, O God, and grant us an answer of peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

Almighty God, who art of power to stablish us according to thy Gospel, hold thou us up that we fall not from our steadfastness. Deliver us from the instruction which causeth to err. Keep us upright amid all diversities and judgments in this world, that we may not swerve from thine eternal truth. And grant that in all perplexities and doubts we may be safe

under the guidance of thy blessed Spirit. Suffer us not to be as children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind and doctrine. But cause us to grow both in knowledge and in grace. And enable us to continue in the faith, grounded and settled, that we be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or of a Paraphrase or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Almighty God, inspire us, we beseech thee, with reverence and adoration, as we bow ourselves at thy throne of grace; and enable us to come to thee in that new and living way opened up through Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and man. We would lift up our souls to thee; with our whole hearts we would seek to enjoy communion with thee, the Father of our spirits, and the God of our salvation.

We will extol thee, O God our King, and we will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will we bless thee, and we will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he will also hear their cry and will save them.

We adore thee, O God, as the Almighty Creator of all things that exist. Of old thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. The heavens are thine, and all the host of them: the earth is thine, and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. In thy hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Thou, O Lord, upholdest all things by the word of thy power, and by thee all things consist. The earth is full of thy riches, so is the great and wide sea. Thou preservest man and beast, and givest food to all flesh, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Thou hast made us, and not we ourselves, and in thee we live, move, and have our being. Thou didst make us but a little lower than the angels, and didst crown us with honour and glory. Thou didst form us for thyself, that we might show forth thy praise.

We adore thee especially as the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath blest with all spiritual blessings in the Son of thy love. We had destroyed ourselves, but in thee was our help found. When thou didst not spare the angels that sinned, but didst cast them down to hell, then saidst thou concerning the race of mankind, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it. O how wonderfully did the kindness and love of God our Saviour appear toward us, in that when the redemption of the soul was so precious that it must have ceased for ever, and no man could by any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him; then thou wert pleased to find a ransom, that we might be delivered from going

down to the pit. When the fulness of the time was come, the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and men saw his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. We bless thee that the works which he did, the same bore witness of him, that the Father had sent him: that by his power the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard, the dead were raised up, and the poor had the Gospel preached to them. We bless thee that, appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, he did by the eternal Spirit offer himself without spot unto God, and by his own blood enter in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. We rejoice to know that he has entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us, and that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession.

We confess, O God, that we are undeserving of such mercy and loving-kindness. We have proved ourselves to be undutiful children, and ungrateful, rebellious subjects of thy moral government. We have gone in the way of transgressors, and have lifted up our souls unto vanity. We have loved the things of the world, and the love of the Father has not been in us. We have not felt as we should have felt the love of God manifested in the gift of his only and well-beloved Son, and have not been constrained by that love to live to him as our highest privilege and the chief end of our existence. We have not walked by the light

even of our reason and of conscience; and we have no cloak for our sins. Justly might we have received the reward of those disobedient servants who knew their lord's will, but did it not.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and save us, else we shall perish. Save us from all the delusions of our own wicked and deceitful hearts, from the snares of the wicked one, and the temptations of an evil world. Our hope is in thy mercy, for thou art a God with whom there is forgiveness. And we thank thee that thou hast provided for us an almighty and all-sufficient Saviour, who hath obtained pardon, reconciliation, and peace for us, by bearing our sins in his own body on the tree of shame and woe. We bless thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who makes effectual application to our souls of the benefits of redemption. Grant, we beseech thee, that through the grace of the Spirit, we may be led to receive and rest upon Christ, as he is freely offered to us in the Gospel. May we have that true faith which worketh by love, which purifieth the heart, and which overcometh the world. Lord, we believe,—help our unbelief. Confirm our faith in Jesus, until our souls are filled with all joy and peace in believing. Shine into our heart by the light of thy Word and Spirit, so that we may no longer walk in the darkness of our natural state. And as it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps, be graciously pleased to give us of thine own wherewith we may serve thee. Help our infirmities, guide us by thy wisdom, protect us by thy power, make thy grace sufficient for us, and thy strength perfect in our weakness. It is God that girdeth us with strength, and

maketh our way perfect. May we follow on to know the Lord, aspiring after greater degrees of knowledge, purity, self-denial, charity, and all goodness. May we seek to be perfect, even as thou, our heavenly Father, art perfect.

And now unto Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

O God, who hast taught us that the soul being without knowledge is not good, incline our ears, we beseech thee, to wisdom, and our hearts to understanding. Show us thy ways, O Lord, and lead us in thy truth. Put thy law in our inward parts, and write it in our hearts, so that our ways may be directed to keep thy statutes. Help us, O Lord, so to do thy will, that we may know the Scriptures to be of God, and, by the power and efficacy of thy Word upon our lives, may have in ourselves the witness that it is indeed the truth.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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The Benediction.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

Fifth Sunday of the Month.

Forenoon Service.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

Unto thee, O Lord, we lift up our souls in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; beseeching thee that, with the aid of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to worship thee in spirit and in truth. In God is our salvation and our glory; the rock of our strength and our refuge is only in thee. We will praise thee, O Lord, with our whole heart: we will show forth all thy marvellous works. We will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High. The kingdom is the Lord's; he is a great King over all the earth, and he is the Governor among the nations, doing all his pleasure in heaven and on earth. We will worship toward thy holy sanctuary, and sing praises unto thee for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth. We will think of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple, in the presence of thy people, and those who have assembled themselves to bless thy name. Hear our prayer, O Lord, give ear to

our supplications: in thy faithfulness answer us. Be nigh unto us in all that we call upon thee for; for thou never saidst to the seed of Jacob, Seek ye my face in vain.

O thou Holy One, in whose presence angels and seraphim bow, we would humble ourselves before thee, because of our many sins, and our great unworthiness. Thou puttest no trust in thy saints, and the heavens are not clean in thy sight. Impress us, we beseech thee, with correct views of our character and state before thee; and convince us of our need of a better righteousness than our own, in which to approach thy throne of grace. Out of the depths of contrition we would cry unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice; let thine ear be attentive to the voice of our supplication. Cleanse thou us, O Lord, and we shall be clean; wash us in the blood of sprinkling which cleanseth from all sin, and we shall be whiter than the snow. Hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Bring us, we pray thee, to the fountain opened in the house of David for sin and for uncleanness. Increase our faith; deepen our repentance; enliven our trust in thee as a sin-forgiving God; and grant that our growing earnestness after new obedience may be a token from thee that our repentance has been the repentance that needs not to be repented of. We wait for the Lord, and in his Word do we hope, for we believe that he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

O Lord our God, grant that we may be deeply sensible of the many benefits, temporal and spiritual, for which we are indebted to thy great love in Christ

Jesus. O may the humble expression of our gratitude come up before thee with acceptance. For our existence, and our preservation hitherto, with all the mercies we have received, we bless thee. We will love thee, O Lord, our strength. The Lord is our rock, and our fortress, and our deliverer; our God; our strength, in whom we will trust. For the distinguishing tokens of thy love, and the manifold privileges which, of thy great goodness, we enjoy; for thy forbearance, and thy continued grace, amid our many provocations, we bless thee. The Lord liveth, and blessed be our Rock; and let the God of our salvation be exalted. And because we have good hope through the Son of thy love, that thou wilt not leave us nor forsake us, we desire to bless and praise thy holy name. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness; for his anger endureth but for a moment, but in his favour is life. And we bless thee that thou dost not turn away thine ear from our supplications, but hearest us graciously, and acceptest our humble and sincere offers of self-dedication to thee, our heavenly Father. Our praise shall be of thee in the great congregation; we will pay our vows before them that fear thee. We will offer unto God thanksgiving; we will pay our vows unto the Most High.

And forasmuch as we are weak and compassed with many infirmities, and are, moreover, liable to fall into divers temptations, through the deceitfulness of sin, we pray, Almighty God, for the continual presence and assistance of the Holy Spirit, that we may be kept from the evil that is in the world. Teach us to do

thy will, for thou art our God: thy Spirit is good, lead us into the land of uprightness. In all times of difficulty and peril, of discouragement and trial, enable us to persevere in our Christian course, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left; and preserving a conscience void of offence toward God and man. O keep our souls, and deliver us; let us not be ashamed, for we put our trust in thee. May we be constrained by the mercies of God to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. May we not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds; that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Enable us to approve ourselves to thee in honour and dishonour, in evil report, and good report, clad with the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. And may we, for Christ's sake, manifest our love to all our brethren, especially to those who are of the household of faith. May our love be without dissimulation. May we abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good. May we be endued with that charity which is the bond of perfectness; that we may live in love and peace, and that the God of peace may be with us. Cause us to abound more and more in faith, and love, and temperance, and godliness, and in all meek, patient, humble, sober, pure, and peaceable dispositions, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us and we in him, according to the grace which, through him, thou hast bestowed upon us.

Lend an ear, O gracious God, to the voice of our humble supplications, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

Most gracious God, by whose inspiration all Holy Scripture has been written, grant that, through the teaching of thy Spirit, the Word may be profitable unto us for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; so as to make us wise unto salvation, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Dispose us to receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save our souls; and may it abide in our hearts, and bring forth in our lives the peaceable fruits of righteousness, so that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—in whose name, and with whose words we sum up our prayers:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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The Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Fifth Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon Service.

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The First Prayer.

O Lord our God, who art over all, God blessed for evermore, unto whom can we go but unto thee, for thou alone art worthy of the homage and praise of thine intelligent creatures. Thou art the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. How excellent is thy name in all the earth; thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. When we consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers; the sun, and the moon, and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward; they cannot be reckoned up in order to thee: if we would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Thy mercies, as well as thy judgments, are a great deep.

Most holy and righteous God, we desire to acknowledge with deep humility the depravity of our whole

nature; the estrangement of our affections; the selfishness and ingratitude of our hearts; and the numberless transgressions of thy holy law of which we have been guilty. We have broken thy commandments times and ways without number; we have slighted the warnings of thy providence, and turned a deaf ear to the gracious invitations of the Gospel. Wherewithal shall we come before thee, O Lord, or bow ourselves in thy presence, thou Most High God? How shall we stand before thee, the great and terrible Jehovah? We are a people of unclean lips, who dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. We, thy people by profession, have too often lived as the children of disobedience. We have followed the multitude to do evil. We have lived to fulfil the desires of our own sinful hearts. And thou, O God, mightest justly have cast us out for cumbering the ground, and given us the portion of unprofitable servants.

We bless thee, O Father, for the unmerited mercy and infinite goodness which thou art continually displaying towards us. Adored be thy patience, which has borne with us amid manifold provocations. Adored be thy grace and compassion, which has provided for us a great redemption, and which invites us still to the free participation of its blessings. What are we, O Lord, or what our fathers' house, that thou shouldst deal so bountifully with us. O may we account the long suffering of our God a proof of his willingness that all should come to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and so obtain the salvation of their souls.

Gracious God, we would approach thee in the multi-

tude of thy loving-kindnesses and tender mercies. Fallen from righteousness, and altogether unworthy in ourselves, we would come unto thee by the new and living way which has been consecrated for us, even the rent vail of Christ's flesh. We would plead the finished work of Immanuel, and make mention of his righteousness, and of his only; and we pray that for his sake we may be accepted and heard and answered.

We bless thee for all the way thou hast led us, and for all the undeserved mercies thou hast bestowed upon us. Thou hast been with us in our going out and our coming in—our guide, protector, and benefactor. Thy thoughts toward us have ever been thoughts of peace, and all thy ways have been faithfulness and truth. Thou hast been pleased to order our lot in a land of Christian light and liberty, where we can worship thee the God of our fathers, none making us afraid. Thou art our God, and we will praise thee; thou hast been our fathers' God, and we will exalt thee. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless and magnify his holy name. Give us grace, we beseech thee, to value and to use our privileges aright, and may we remember that to whom much is given of them also much shall be required.

Almighty God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst so love the world as to give thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, grant, we humbly implore thee, that we may have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy mercy. Forbid that any of us should neglect so great salvation; but may we receive

it as a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, even the chief. Enlighten our minds, and impress our hearts with the knowledge of our guilt and unworthiness. Convince us, by the teaching of thy Holy Spirit, of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and deliver us from the love and dominion of all iniquity, and renew us in the spirit of our minds by the effectual working of thy mighty power. Gracious God, may the Spirit of truth take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us, that we may feel our need of a Saviour, and flee for refuge to the hope set before us in the Gospel.

We bless thee, O God, for the abundant provision made for sinners, and that thou hast in thy Word made known to us a Redeemer through whose merits thy mercy is manifested in the salvation of the guilty and the lost. We bless thee that Christ Jesus is made unto us not only wisdom and righteousness, but also sanctification. May we habitually maintain upon our hearts the conviction that without Christ we can do nothing, and that as the branch cannot bear fruit except it abide in the vine, so neither can we, except we abide in Jesus. Do thou, therefore, we pray thee, teach us every day to cultivate a more intimate fellowship with him; to abide in him continually by faith, and never to cease in our desire and endeavour to grow in an experimental knowledge of him as our Saviour and our God. As the ransomed people of the Lord, may we ever feel that we are not our own, and that we are bound to glorify him in our bodies and our spirits which are his, for he has redeemed them.

And having been renewed into the Divine image by doing the will and glorifying the name of our Lord and Saviour on earth; having fought the good fight of faith, and finished our course, may we know in our joyful experience that Christ is made unto us complete and everlasting redemption.

Hear our prayer, O God, and send an answer of peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Third Prayer.

O Lord, who hast been pleased to instruct us by thy heavenly doctrine, enable us with meekness and humility to learn of thee. Open our hearts to receive in a teachable spirit the declaration of thy will in the Scriptures. Confiding in thee as our Father, may we greatly delight in those testimonies which thou hast given of thy paternal love. Let thy Word be more precious to us than gold, and sweeter than honey. Incline us earnestly to covet it, and to feed upon it, until we obtain that fuller satisfaction which thou art reserving for us, in the presence of thy glory; where we shall see thee face to face, and being transformed into thine image, will enjoy

that complete blessedness into which Christ our Lord has entered.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which a Hymn is sung, then the Prayer after the Sermon as at page* 9, *or page* 19, *or page* 26. *After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, and the anthem sung; there is then pronounced*]

The Benediction.

Now may grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest and abide with you and all the Israel of God, now, henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

Prayer for the New Year.

We adore thee, O God, as the one living and true God. Thou art the blessed and only potentate, who only hast immortality, dwelling in that light which none can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, or can see; the only wise God, to whom be glory and honour, for ever and ever. We worship thee, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, who wast, and art, and art to come, the Almighty! We praise thee, O God, who wast infinitely blessed in thyself, when it pleased thee to summon the universe into existence, as the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Of old thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past, or as a watch in the

night; for thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, without variableness or shadow of turning.

We bless thee, Almighty God, that thou condescendest to regard us in our low and miserable estate; the creatures of a day, who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, and who are crushed before the moth. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and endureth not. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Our days are determined; the number of our months is with thee; and thou hast appointed our bounds that we cannot pass. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

O thou who searchest the heart, and who art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity, may we ever remember that thou settest our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. We, O Lord, are vile, and what shall we answer thee? Behold, we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin did our mother conceive us. We have all gone astray, turning every one to his own way, and the way of peace we have not known. Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against thee. We have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken our own mercies, yea, we have forsaken the fountains of living waters, for cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. We have turned a disobedient ear to the voice of instruction and reproof, and have remained

heedless of the interests of our immortal souls amid the visitations of thy providence, and the calls of the Gospel of peace. How many opportunities of doing good during the past year have been lost! How much precious time has been spent in idleness, folly, or sin! How many vows unpaid! How many resolutions broken! How few evil desires mortified! How little preparation made for our appearing at the judgment seat of Christ! In many things, O God, we all offend, and come short of thy glory and of our own exalted privileges. We have to confess that at best we are unprofitable servants. To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee. O our God, we are ashamed, and blush to lift up our faces before thee; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

We rejoice, O Almighty God, that thy memorial to all generations is the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For judgment thou hast remembered mercy. It is of thine undeserved mercies, O God, that we are not consumed; because thy compassions fail not. The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to them that remember his commandments to do them. We, O Lord, are here before thee this day, the living monuments of thy sparing mercy. Our day of grace

has been lengthened, and the exhortation is still addressed to us, To-day, if you will hear my voice, harden not your heart. Now is the accepted time, and now is the day of salvation.

We bless thee especially, most gracious God, that we have an advocate with thee the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who by the sacrifice of the cross hath made expiation for the sins of the world; and hath entered into heaven, there to appear in the presence of God for us. We bless thee, that though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich. We bless thee that he did not count his life dear to him, but made his soul an offering for sin, and was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; and having fulfilled all righteousness, and magnified the law, and made it honourable, he ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, receiving gifts for men, even the rebellious, that God the Lord might dwell among them. For Christ's sake, O God, pardon all our past sins, and blot them out of the book of thy remembrance. We plead the merits of that blood which cleanseth from all sin. We plead thy true and gracious promise, that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remember not, we beseech thee, O Lord, the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions; according to thy mercy remember us for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Pardon our iniquity, for it is great; heal our backslidings, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Grant, Almighty God, that through the grace im-

parted by thy Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to redeem the time, for the days wherein we live are evil. So teach us to remember our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O that the long-sparing goodness of our God may lead us to repentance; to that godly sorrow for sin which needs not to be repented of. May the time past of our life suffice to have wrought the will of the flesh; and may we put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of our mind, putting on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. May the love of Christ constrain us, judging that if one died for all, then are all dead; and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who for them died and rose again. And whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither we go.

Heavenly Father, we give thee thanks that thou hast in thy good providence brought us hitherto in peace and safety upon our earthly pilgrimage. We bless thee that we have been permitted to come unto thy house on this thy day, that we may unite our hearts in thanksgiving to thee, the God of our life, and the length of our days, the bountiful Giver of all our mercies, the sanctifier of our trials, and the author of all our hopes. Fit us, O God, for thy worship. Endow us with the preparation of the heart, and of the sanctuary, that we may serve thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. And grant, we beseech thee,

that this year thus begun in thy fear, may be spent in cheerful obedience to thy will, so that, when thou art pleased to call us hence, we may die the death of the righteous, and our last end may be like his.

And now, most merciful God, our heavenly Father, let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

[*The Congregation being assembled, the service shall be commenced in the usual manner as on the Lord's Day, by singing a portion of a Psalm (metrical version), or a Paraphrase, or Hymn; after which follows*]

The First Prayer.

O God, thou art our God, early will we seek thee; our God, and we will praise thee; our fathers' God, and we will exalt thee. The desire of our souls is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee; with our souls have we desired thee, and with our spirits within us we would seek thee early. Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. We would give thanks at the remembrance of thy holiness, and come into thy presence, O Lord, knowing that holiness becomes thy house for ever. O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead us, let them guide us to thy holy hill and thy tabernacles, to God our exceeding joy. O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

We bless thee, O God, that thou hast revealed thyself unto us as a God of mercy; yea, as a God whose mercy endureth for ever. We bless thee that thou didst not leave thyself without witness among the

heathen, in that thou didst good, and gavest them rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness. We thank thee for the early dawn of Gospel light, and for all the grace and truth and love which thou hast ever manifested to thy Church. We bless thee for the promise made to Abraham, that in his seed all the families of the earth should be blest; and to Jacob that the Shiloh should come, and to him should the gathering of the people be; and to the patriarchs, who rejoiced to see Christ's day and saw it, and were glad. We bless thee for the types and ordinances of the law, which were a shadow of good things to come. We bless thee that thou, who didst at sundry times, and in divers manners, speak unto the fathers by the prophets, hast, in these last days, spoken unto us by thine own Son. Thou art truly a God that keepeth covenant, faithful and true art thou. In thee, O God, we will rejoice; we will be glad in the God of our salvation; for thou hast graciously remembered thy promise and done great things for us. Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given, whose name is Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Thou, Lord, hast visited and redeemed thy people, and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of thy servant David. We bless thee that when the fulness of the time had come, thou didst send forth thy Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of

sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Blessed be thy name, O God, that thou didst think upon us in our low and lost estate, and didst send the Son of thy love to die for us. Blessed be thy name that our redemption has been accomplished, and that Christ our Redeemer is now exalted a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel, and the remission of sin. When the redemption of the soul was so precious, that it must have ceased for ever—and no man could by any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him,—then thou wert pleased to find a ransom, that we might be delivered from going down to the pit. When thou, O God, didst not spare the angels that sinned, but didst cast them down into hell, thou saidst concerning the race of mankind, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it. We bless thee, O gracious God, that thine eternal Son was thy servant whom thou didst uphold, thine elect in whom thy soul delighted, and that him thou hast given for a covenant of the people, and that through him we are not under the law, but under grace. We magnify thy name that, appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, he did by the eternal Spirit offer himself without spot unto God, and by his own blood enter in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. We bless thee for the assurance that our almighty Redeemer has spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in his cross. We thank thee that as Christ was

delivered for our offences, so he rose again for our justification, and was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. We bless thee that as forerunner he is for us entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; that he is set on the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens—angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him; that he is gone to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, where there are many mansions, and that he will come again to receive us to himself, that where he is there we may be also. We thank thee that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous, who is able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God by him. We rejoice that he shall reign till he has put down all principality and power, and will deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Almighty and most gracious God, we confess ourselves unworthy of all thy loving-kindness and tender mercy. What is man, O most holy and righteous Jehovah, that thou hast been mindful of him. Thou puttest no trust in thy saints, and the heavens are not clean in thy sight; how much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like water. We have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken our own mercies. We have sinned against light, and warnings, and examples, and long-sparing goodness. And, now, O our God, what shall we say after this? We have grievously sinned; and what shall we say unto thee, O thou preserver of men? O that our

head were waters, and our eyes fountains of tears, that we might weep day and night for our transgressions.

And yet, O God, instead of dealing with us as our sins deserve, thou art still pitying us as a father pities his children; for thou art this day inviting us to come to the wells of salvation, and to renew our covenant engagements with thee, our covenant-keeping God.

We bless thee, heavenly Father, that in thy good providence thou art again affording us an opportunity of showing forth the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which an atonement has been made for the sins of the world, and by means of an ordinance of his own appointment, and testifying our gratitude for redeeming love, our engagement to be his, and our dependence upon him for all things pertaining to a godly life. Lord, make us truly thankful for our privileges. Teach us to use them for thy glory, and the good of our immortal souls. Draw out our affections towards him who is the chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely. Lord, increase our faith. Deepen our penitence. Inflame our love. Grant that we may hunger and thirst after righteousness, so that we may be filled. Put thy Spirit within us, that he may take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. Pour out his sanctifying influences upon us, and work in us both to will and to do that which is good. O blessed Spirit of grace, enlighten our minds with the knowledge of Christ, constrain us by the love of Christ to love him with all our hearts, and to present our bodies and our spirits a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to thee through him that loved us and gave himself for us.

Now, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen.

[*There is then read a Lesson from the Old Testament, after which there is chanted one of the Psalms in the prose version, or the Te Deum. There is then read a Lesson from the New Testament, after which follows the Second Prayer as at page* 5. *There is then sung a Hymn, Paraphrase, or portion of one of the metrical Psalms; after which follows*]

The Third Prayer.

Almighty God, who hast caused the light of thy Word clearly to shine among us, and hast instructed us in the way of salvation, may it please thee inwardly to shine into our hearts, and to fill us with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Cause thy Gospel to come to us, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; and may we receive it, not as the word of man, but as it is in truth the word of the living God, which effectually worketh in them that believe. For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven: thy faithfulness is unto all generations. Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth: they continue this day according to thine ordinances, for all are thy servants.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[*Here follows the Sermon, after which any intimations are made, and the collection is taken. There is then sung Paraphrase XXXV. While this Paraphrase is being sung, the Minister takes his place at the table, and the Elders place the elements before him. The Minister then says*]

In that night in which he was betrayed, and after he had celebrated the ordinance of the passover with his disciples, we read that our Lord took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. And in like manner, he also took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, Drink ye all of it. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. The apostle Paul adds, Therefore, as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come.

Before we partake, let us, in imitation of our Lord's example, give thanks to God for his unspeakable gift. *Let us pray.*

Prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee in an especial manner, at this time, for the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. And now that we are again invited to eat of Wisdom's bread, and to drink of the

wine that she has mingled, cause us to hunger and thirst after righteousness that we may be satisfied, and know that thou art all our salvation and all our desire. Draw us, and we will run after thee: bring us into thy chambers, that we may be glad and rejoice in thee, and may esteem thy love more than wine. O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead and guide us to thy holy altar.

Let this cup of blessing which we bless be the communion of the blood of Christ; let this bread which we break be the communion of the body of Christ. Seal to us, we pray thee, the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the promise of eternal life; and enable us in faith and love to take this cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. May Christ's flesh be to us meat indeed, and his blood drink indeed; so that we may live by him. Lord, evermore give us this spiritual bread; Lord, evermore give us this spiritual drink.

Now, over the symbols of redeeming love, may we be joined to the Lord in an everlasting covenant, and be enabled from the heart to say, My Beloved is mine, and I am his. May we feel how very near we are brought to thee at this time, and that our communion is truly with the Father and the Son, by the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith, that being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, being filled with all the fulness of God.

And seeing that we, being many, are one body in

Christ, and every one members one of another, may we enjoy the blessed communion of saints, and have the same care one for another. And as we have purified our souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, may we love one another with a pure heart fervently.

May we now have the preparation of the heart and of the sanctuary; for if thy presence go not with us to the table of communion, what profit can we have in our souls? May the good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and heal thy people. Let our great unworthiness be pardoned and covered for his sake whose sacrifice we commemorate; for in his merits is all our trust. Lord, meet us with a blessing—a father's blessing—at this table. Grace thine own institution with thy presence, and fulfil in us all the good pleasure of thy goodness and the work of faith with power, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and our Redeemer; and to him, with the Father and the eternal Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

[*The Minister then takes the bread, and having broken it, he says*]

In that night in which he was betrayed, our Lord took bread, and having given thanks, as has now been done in his name, he brake the bread and gave it to his disciples, as I now give it to you, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

[*The Minister then takes the cup in his hand and says*]

And in like manner he also took the cup and gave it to them, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Drink ye all of it. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come.

[*During the action the Minister may read some of the following portions of Scripture.*]

It pleased the Lord to bruise him: he hath put him to grief. When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed.

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Ye are come unto Mount Sion, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God's.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able to bear, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me.

They are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them; they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Herein is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto him who died for them.

Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[*After all have communicated, the CIII. metrical Psalm, or a portion of it, shall be sung. Then the Minister shall deliver a concluding address; then follows the concluding prayer, as at page* 9, *or page* 19, *or page* 26, *and the anthem is sung. The Minister then pronounces*]

The Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism.

[*When baptism is administered in the church and during the service on the Lord's Day, immediately after the Sermon there shall be sung the following Hymn:*]

A little child the Saviour came,
The mighty God was still his name;
And angels worshipped as he lay,
The seeming infant of a day.

He who a little child began
The life divine to show to man,
Proclaims from heaven the message free,
Let little children come to me.

We bring them, Lord, and with the sign
Of sprinkled water, name them thine:
Their souls with saving grace endow;
Baptize them with thy Spirit now.

O give thine angels charge, good Lord,
Them safely in thy way to guard;

Thy blessing on their lives command,
And write their names upon thy hand.

O thou, who by an infant's tongue
Dost hear thy perfect glory sung,
May these, with all the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

[*The Minister shall then address the Father or Sponsor as follows:*]

The ordinance of baptism was instituted by our Saviour Jesus Christ, who, before his ascension, thus spake to his disciples: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth: go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

This holy ordinance is a seal of the covenant of grace, whereby God ratifies his promise to grant remission of sins, an interest in his adopting love, and all the benefits of redemption, both in this life, and the life to come.

And since the same covenant in substance was of old confirmed by the ordinance of circumcision, granted to the infant children of the seed of Abraham, we are thus taught that the offspring of believers are to be considered as belonging to the household of God, and should therefore be admitted to the privilege of baptism,

whereby his children are distinguished from those who are without the visible pale of the covenant.

The act of washing or sprinkling with water in baptism represents the saving efficacy of the death of Christ, by which the guilt of sin is removed; and the grace of the Holy Spirit, by whom our sinful nature is cleansed and sanctified. And though the outward rite has no sacramental virtue apart from the inward baptism of the Spirit, nor is its efficacy limited to the time when it is administered, yet it is not only a sign appointed by the great Head of the Church to remind us of our natural pollution, and the need we have of the heavenly cleansing; but also, as we have said, a visible and solemn pledge, whereby he confirms his gracious promise to all his faithful people; assuring them of his willingness to bestow upon them and their children the privileges of adoption, and to enrich them with all the fulness of his grace.

In presenting this your child to be baptized, you make a profession of your personal faith in the one living and true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, into whose name [ ] is to be baptized: you profess to believe in the fallen and sinful condition in which all flesh are born into the world, and signify your desire that [ ] should be redeemed from it by the virtue of the blood and Spirit of Christ: you bring [ ] to be solemnly received into the visible Church, trusting that [ ] may be effectually engrafted into Christ, made a partaker of all the benefits of the covenant of grace, and finally be received into the Church of the ransomed in heaven.

You now promise that if it shall please God to spare you and this child, you will, in humble dependence on Divine assistance, instruct [ ] in the principles of the Christian faith; that you will keep [ ] in remembrance of [ ] baptism, of the blessings therein signified and sealed, and of the obligations thereby incurred; that you will set before [ ] an example of virtue and godliness; and that with earnest prayer to God on [ ] behalf, you will endeavour to bring [ ] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; so that in after-life [ ] may prove to be a child of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

These things you humbly and sincerely profess and promise to do with the help of God Almighty. Do you not?

[*The Father or Sponsor having made this profession and promise, the Minister says, Let us pray.*]

Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thine infinite goodness hast promised that thou wilt be not only our God, but also the God and Father of our children, we beseech thee that, as thou hast vouchsafed to call us to be partakers of thy great mercy, so it may please thee to sanctify with thy Spirit, and to receive into the number of thy children, this infant whom we are now about to baptize according to thy command, to the end that [ ] arriving at mature age, may, through wise and holy training, confess thee, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ thy Son, our ever-blessed Redeemer; and so may serve thee, and be profitable unto thy Church, all the days of [ ] appointed time on earth, until, after this life ended, [ ] may be brought as a living member of thy Son's body unto the full fruition of the joys of heaven. Amen.

[*The Minister then takes water, and sprinkling it on the face of the child, names it, and says*]

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, one God.

[*There is then sung the following anthem.*]

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

[*The Minister then says, Let us pray.*]

Prayer.

Most holy and merciful Father, who hast bestowed upon us not only the common benefits of thy providence, but dost also enrich us with the blessings of grace and salvation, we lift up our souls unto thee, thanking thee for thy great mercy, in that thou hast been pleased to call our offspring unto thee, marking them with this sacrament of baptism, in token of thy favour, and as a pledge and seal of thy covenant love through thy Son Jesus Christ.

Notwithstanding our great unworthiness, we entreat thee, holy Father, to confirm this grace towards us more and more; and to take into thy favour and protection this infant whom with common supplications we devote to thee. Defend, guide, and sanctify [ ] both in soul and body, and may [ ] grow in favour with God and man, as [ ] grows in days and years. May [ ] be spared to acknowledge thee as [ ] heavenly Father, in true faith and constant obedience, through the operation of the Holy Spirit upon [ ] heart, by whose divine power may [ ] increase in wisdom and in all goodness; and having obtained a final victory over the world, the devil, and the flesh, and being made perfect in all thy will, may [ ] be exalted to the joy of thy chosen, and the glory of thy kingdom, at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Most gracious God, who settest the solitary in families, and who art ever nigh to them who call upon thee, we thank thee for thy great goodness to thy handmaid the mother of this child. Continue thy loving-kindness unto her; restore strength and confirm health, and fill her heart with gratitude to thee her preserver and her God. Bless abundantly the father, and grant that he and his partner may live together as heirs of the grace of life, in sobriety, charity, and in all virtue and godliness.

And as this child has been dedicated to thee in baptism, may [ ], O God, be brought up in the way [ ] should go; diligently instructed by [ ] parents in the doctrine which is according to truth and holiness; and may [ ] be guided both

by precept and example in the ways of pleasantness and peace. Graciously hear and answer these our prayers, which we present in the name and through the merits of thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

[*After this any intimations are made, the collection is taken, the anthem is sung, and the service concluded in the usual way.*]

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